

What Is the Community Development Block Grant Program?



It's Federally Funded and Locally Directed

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the City of Lafayette. With direct input from City residents, Lafayette's Community & Redevelopment Department designs a plan to use the block grant funds for community programs that fall under the criteria set forth by HUD.

The Community & Redevelopment Department manages these funds to preserve and strengthen Lafayette's neighborhoods, while expanding housing and economic opportunities for the area's low- and moderate-income families. Most activities are conducted in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods or in the approved HUD revitalization strategy area to:

- Benefit primarily low- and moderate-income households.
- Eliminate slums and blight.
- Address emergency needs.

It's an Organized Plan

Every five years, the City composes a five-year plan which establishes community priorities. Each year, public hearings are held to collect citizen input on how to address community needs identified in the five-year plan for the following fiscal year. In the annual plan, the City council allocates funds to neighborhoods or agencies serving low- to moderate-income people.